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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

Case No. 08-1789 (BRL)

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SIPA LIQUIDATION

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

(Substantively Consolidated)

Defendants.

In re BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC.

Debtor.

IRVING L. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff.

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Case No. 11-CV-06677 (JSR)

ALPHA PRIME FUND LIMITED, and SENATOR FUND SPC.

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DENNIS J. NOLAN, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF ANDERSON KILL P.C. TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL TO DEFENDANTS ALPHA PRIME FUND, LTD. AND SENATOR FUND SPC.

- I, Dennis J. Nolan, Esq., hereby declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice, and in good standing, in this District, as well as in the Eastern District of New York. I am a shareholder in Anderson Kill P.C. ("AK"), counsel of record to Defendants Alpha Prime Fund, Ltd. ("Alpha Prime") and Senator Fund SpC ("Senator", and together with Alpha Prime, the "Defendants") in the above-referenced action. As such, I am fully familiar with the procedural facts and circumstances regarding this action. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of AK's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel.
- On December 11, 2008, Bernard L. Madoff was arrested by federal agents for violation of the criminal securities laws, including, inter alia, securities fraud, investment adviser fraud, and mail and wire fraud.
- 3. On December 15, 2008, pursuant to SIPA § 78eee(a)(4)(b), SIPC filed an application in the District Court alleging, inter alia, that BLMIS was not able to meet its obligations to securities customers as they came due and, accordingly, its customers needed the protections afforded by SIPA. Simultaneously therewith, the District Court appointed the Trustee for the liquidation of the business of BLMIS pursuant to SIPA § 78eee(b)(3).
- 4. Shortly after the commencement of the SIPA proceeding, Alpha Prime and Senator filed proofs of claim against the SIPA estate.
- 5. On or about July 15, 2009, the Trustee filed the Complaint (as subsequently amended) seeking to avoid and recover allegedly preferential and/or fraudulent transfers of property, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 542, 547 and 548, made by

the Debtor to the Defendants and to expunge the SIPA claims of various defendants, including Alpha Prime and Senator (the "Underlying Adversary Proceeding").

- 6. On or about September 3, 2009, Alpha Prime retained AK to defend it in connection with the Underlying Adversary Proceeding, and to take all steps necessary to maximize its recovery on its proof of claimed filed against the Madoff SIPA estate.
- 7. On or about November 6, 2009, Senator retained AK to represent it in connection with a subpoena issued in the Underlying Adversary Proceeding. On March 17, 2011, Senator retained AK to defend it in the Underlying Adversary Proceeding, and to take all steps necessary to maximize its recovery on its proof of claim filed against the Madoff SIPA estate.
- 8. On or about September 23, 2011, certain defendants filed a motion to withdraw the reference of the Underlying Adversary Proceeding to this Court.
- 9. On June 30, 2013, Todd E. Duffy, the shareholder at AK responsible for the representation of the Defendants, left AK to join DuffyAmedeo. The Defendants elected to retain Mr. Duffy at his new firm and terminate their attorney-client relationship with AK. The docket for these cases reflects Mr. Duffy's representation of the Defendants through DuffyAmedeo..
- 10. At present, the Defendants have exchanged limited discovery with the Trustee. Given the early posture of this case, the Defendants would not be prejudiced if the Court were to grant AK's motion. Moreover, Mr. Duffy, who has represented the Defendants from the inception of AK's engagement, continues as counsel to the Defendants in his new firm.
  - 11. AK is not asserting a retaining or lien on this case.

	12.	Accordingly, as set for	th in the Motion, AK's re	equest for leave to withdraw
should be granted.				
Dated	l: Octo	ober 2, 2013 [	<i>/s/ <u>Dennis J. Nolan</u></i> Dennis J. Nolan	